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 By Order of the Board of Directors,
 THOS. L. ROSE,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, August 24, 1908.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half Year ending 30th June, 1908, at the rate of TWO POUNDS STEELING per Share payable on and after MONDAY, the 24th day of August current, at the Office of the Corporation, WHERE SHAREHOLDERS ARE REQUESTED TO APPLY FOR WARRANTS.
 By Order of the Court of Directors,
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 Hongkong, August 22, 1908.

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 DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company on and after MONDAY, 24th inst.
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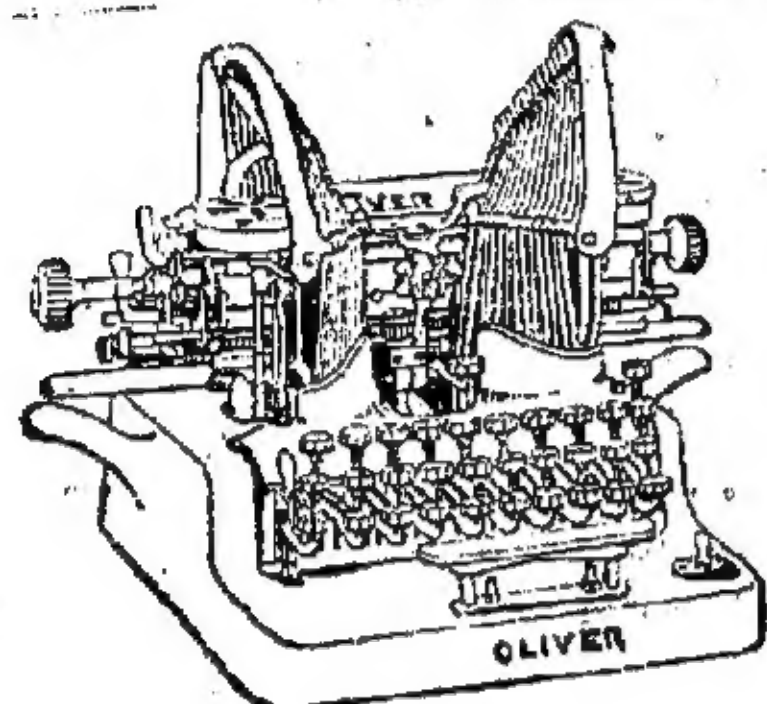
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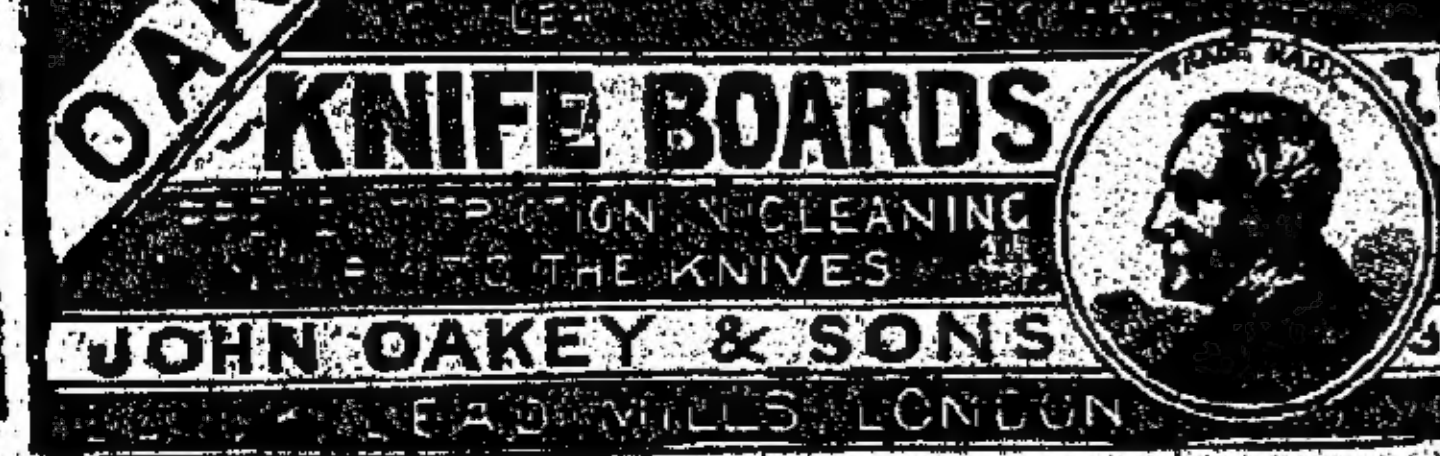
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THE INFANTRY SPIRIT.

The Military Correspondent of the West-
minster Gazette writes:—In the current
number of the National Review "D.S.O." enters
"A Plea for the Restoration of the Infantry Spirit," in which he strongly con-
demns the present system of training for
war, alleging that too little is done to
appeal to the "moral element," that the
word "impossible," formerly absent
from our military vocabulary, is now
in common use, and that the training
manual conveys an "impression" that
"cover" is of more importance than pre-
siding forward with the utmost vigour and
resolution. "No sensible man—certainly
not "D.S.O."—advocates a blind "pre-
siding forward," like a bull at a gate, with
the idea of prevailing by sheer brute force
unaided by science—far from it. In the
Peninsular war there was heroism of the
highest order; there was "pressing for-
ward" with a vigour seldom equalled in
war. Yet we find Colborne, of the 52nd
(the future Lord Seaton), the ever-gallant
leader of "a regiment unsurpassed in arms
since arms were first borne by men,"
pointing out the inefficiency of mere head-
long courage.

The lesson Colborne deduced from the
signal success that had attended his
skilfully conducted assault upon the Fran-
cisco fort at Ciudad Rodrigo was as sound
in those days of the "Brown Bess" as it
remains now, when troops are armed with
repeating rifles of precision. The future
field-marshal wrote, in reference to his
own magnificent achievement, to which
Wellington had given unstinted praise,
"Success in assaults can only be ex-
pected from high discipline and order,
and not from bayonets and forlorn hope
without a fire on the defences." Here we
have the root of the whole matter—let us
have the loud shouting avalanche of excited
stormers "pressing forward" with no
thought but of who shall be first to close
with the enemy, but let them be efficiently
assisted by the fire of other troops,
judiciously disposed for the purpose.
There is no "cover" for attacking
troops so potent as a hail of well-
directed bullets discharged from friendly
rifles. Skill without valour, or "bolting
courage" without skill, are alike useless;
it is by a combination of these essential
elements that victories are to be won, or
honour preserved whenever the God of
Battles may declare himself against the
success of our arms.

The pernicious heresies begotten of the
Dover war still continue to exercise, though
to a fortunately diminishing extent, their
baneful influence upon our military train-
ing. What the apostles of pseudo-indiv-
idualism have failed utterly to realise is
that by no possible means can the Regular
soldier, enlisted and exercised amid highly
civilised surroundings, in a densely popu-
lated country, be artificially trained so as
to render him individually equal to men
who have learned their lesson from no
other teaching than the sheer force of
circumstances. In wild countries men's
lives depend upon the sharpness of
natural instincts cultivated by practical
experience; those who are lacking
in these respects lose their way and perish
of hunger or thirst, are eaten by lions or
gored by buffaloes. It is one thing to tel-
a man that some day his life may depend
upon his eye for a country, and to attempt
training him under conditions of only
imaginary danger; but it is quite another
matter when the man is self-trained,
in the face of actual realities, and lives or
dies, according to his ability to take care
of himself.

It is needless to bear in mind that, man
for man, irregulars who are experienced
border pioneers, must necessarily be
superior in their own way to the very
best Regulars; and that while we cannot
devote too great pains to teaching the
individual soldier to be an expert scout
and skirmisher, a mass of petty strategists
(so far as our limited opportunities permit),
(Continued on Page 3.)

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GLASS.—On August 20, 1908, at Shang-

hai, the wife of DUNCAN GLASS, of a Son.

DEATHS.

BRYAN.—On August 18, 1908, at 6.30

p.m., at Mokanshan, Laila E., beloved

wife of the Rev. R. T. BRYAN.

SEARLING.—On August 20, 1908, at 12

midnight, at the Victoria Nursing Home,

May (Miss) wife of R. C. SEARLING, L. M.

Customs, aged 29 years.

JAMINET.—On August 20, 1908, at the

Shaughnessy General Hospital, ARTHUR VON

JAMINET, of the Pingshing Colliery.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1908.

THE MADNESS OF THE NATIONS.

The British Government, according to

the London Observer, have agreed upon

a four years' naval programme which

will provide for the building of thirty

Dreadnoughts, or Indomitables, at a

cost of fifty millions sterling above the

present estimates. The reason for the

contemplated step, according to our

contemporary, is the desire of the Gov-

ernment to avoid the annual Anglo-

German wranglings, while the pious

hope is expressed that by 1911, when

the programme is completed, Germany

Every year that passes sees Germany in

a better position to realise her ambitions.

Notwithstanding all the talk about large

deficits in her Imperial budgets, and

the impossibility of making ends meet,

the nation is growing steadily richer.

The standard of comfort in certain

classes has risen even more rapidly than

among a similar strata of society in

England, and that means that a far

greater amount of money is circulating

among the lower orders than formerly.

There are many sources of revenue-

producing wealth yet left untapped by

Imperial taxing-ministers, but even if

these remain an undeveloped asset for

the future to exploit the fact remains

that Germany to-day can better afford to

indulge in expensive luxuries, such as

big warships and torpedo-boats, than

she could twenty years ago. But that

is not the phase of the question which

should attract the most attention. What

sober thinkers are asking of one another

at the present moment is, when will

this midsummer madness of the nations

cease? Is there to be no limit to these

big naval expansion programmes? Are

England and Germany to remain per-

petually in the attitude of bullying

school-boys trying to out-do each other

in the matter of marbles, peg-tops and

"conquerors"? What a sad commen-

tary it all is on the ethical value of the

civilization which these two highly

organized, highly developed, nobly en-

dowed nations are supposed to repre-

sent. They both ostensibly have set

up the Carpenter's Son of Nazareth as

their spiritual guide; they both send

out swarms of Missionaries each year to

preach to the so-called heathen nations

the beauties of the Gospel of Peace; yet

in their political intercourse with one

another they behave as did the nations

of the ancient world who knew nothing

of the principles laid down in the Ser-

mon on the Mount, the humane, prac-

tical, all-embracing principles which

are supposed to have remodelled the

conduct of modern peoples. Never

was national conduct so widely divorced

from accepted precept than it is

at the present day. We sing the

glories of peace, we applaud the

sentiments of the poets who dream of

the time when war shall be no more:

yet one and all of the European nations

take measures to keep their armour

polished and their swords bright in

their scabbards; or outbid each other in

warship building and the piling up of

national indebtedness, lest peradventure

a strong man armed falls upon them

and spoils them of their goods—and

fame! Yes, 'tis a mad world, and the

pity is that there seems no exit but

the one afforded by national bankruptcy,

to lead at least the leaders among the

nations to the adoption of a saner line

of conduct.

CHINA AND FOREIGN RELIGIONS.

The relation which religious propa-

ganda may bear to political intrigues

has always exercised the minds of

Chinese officials responsible for the peace

and good order of the Empire. Many

chapters in the ancient and medieval

history of their race have served to

imbué the rulers of modern China with

suspicion and mistrust and from time

to time this has become intensified, more

especially against the propagandists of

Christianity. There can be no reason

to doubt the real genesis of what is

known as the missionary question.

Writing broadly, comprehensively, and

without prejudice we have no hesitation

in declaring that it has its rise in the

inability of the Chinese to credit the

facts, in whatever form they may be

stated, that Christianity is a religious

faith which its true votaries are bound

to promulgate the wide-world over, and

that the motives and incentives for such

world-wide propaganda lie in the re-

ligion itself, are received with it and are

inseparable from what the Prayer Book

calls the "inward and spiritual grace,"

which is the mark and measure of its

lying missionary effort, and for this rea-

son, the missionary question, in one im-

portant phase, must needs remain

precisely where it has always been so

far as regards our school of critics.

There are, however, other aspects of

the question toward which the Oriental

mind is continually changing its point

of view, and this is particularly notice-

able in China to-day.

What may be termed the sociological

aspects of Christian missions have served

to impress the Chinese. In the sense

that the tree is known by its fruit, Chris-

tianity has become known to the Chinese

through its "fair deeds of charity," its

HOME CRICKET.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, August 24.
Yorkshire beat Gloucestershire at Cheltenham, by 182 runs. Kent defeated Leicestershire, at Canterbury, by an innings and 156 runs.
All the other matches were abandoned.

AMNESTIED TURKS REARRESTED.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, August 24.
The Grand Vizier of Turkey has ordered the rearrest of ordinary prisoners recently released from gaol on the occasion of the granting of a constitution, owing to the number of crimes they have since committed.

THE RIVAL SULTANS OF MOROCCO.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, August 24.
It is confirmed that the Sultan Abdul Aziz has been defeated with heavy loss. He was surprised on the night of the 20th August and most of his troops at once went over to his rival and brother Muli Hafid. Abdul Aziz fled for safety to the French zone.

BRITISH NAVAL AFFAIRS.

LONDON, August 23.
The London Observer states that the British government have, with a view to avoiding the annual Anglo-German wranglings, agreed upon the necessity for a four years' naval programme until 1911, when it is hoped that Germany will be able to consider the possibility of a naval entente.
Such a programme will provide for the building of thirty "Dreadnoughts" or "Indomitables," at a cost of fifty millions sterling above the present estimates.
The Cabinet still undecided as to the method of raising the money.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(FROM THE "CANTON NEWS-AMERICAN.")

OUDA.

WASHINGTON, August 18.
Governor Magoon has been ordered to Washington for a conference with the President and Secretary of War. Secretary Wright has not had time to meet the Governor fully of the facts regarding the Cuban administration and he is anxious to confer with Governor Magoon as to the condition of affairs, especially with regard to the progress that has been made toward turning the government over to the Cubans.

THE SPRINGFIELD RIOTS.

CHICAGO, August 18.
Advices from Springfield indicate that the situation is a bit more favorable to law and order this evening. The troops are closely guarding the negro quarters and there has been no rioting. The negro officers have made numerous arrests of the principal offenders, both white and black, and they have been lodged in jail under a strong military guard. There has been some resistance to the arrest of a spot grand jury has been ordered impounded for the investigation of the affair. Many of the arrests that have been made have been for slight infractions of the special ordinances established to maintain the order and will not result in prosecution. On the other hand some of the leaders in the rioting have been taken into custody and they will be held for trial. While the situation was serious a few hours ago, it is now believed that the crisis has passed.

ADMIRAL EVANS RETIRES.

WASHINGTON, August 19.
Admiral Robley D. Evans retired from service yesterday after an active career of forty-eight years in the navy. Admiral Evans is at Lake Mohonk, N.Y., where he has been resting quietly since he returned from Hot Springs. The announcement of his retirement was made the occasion for an occasion in his honor from his neighbors and fellow seafarers. There are still a number of distinguished men at the Lake, drawn hither by the annual conference and all of them joined in extending their congratulations to the gallant sailor whose distinguished career of almost half a century in his country's service is fresh in the minds of almost every inhabitant of the United States.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON RENOMINATED.

ST. PAUL, MINN., August 20.
Governor Johnson was renominated to-day on the Democratic ticket for governor of Minnesota amidst scenes of the wildest enthusiasm that ever attended a Minnesota State convention. The nomination was made unanimous. It was the greatest testimonial of the feeling of the people of the State for their governor that could possibly be given. The demonstration was all the more remarkable for the fact that Governor Johnson had absolutely declined to run again. He worked and fought against his name being brought before the convention and pleaded with the delegates to select some other man. In spite of all his work and pleading, however, the delegates simply stamped in his favor and his nomination was received with acclamation. General satisfaction is expressed by the action of the convention throughout the State.

REPUBLICAN POLITICS.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

CONCORD, N.H., August 20.
The dove of peace between the rival Republican camps in Ohio and the state managers have come forth with a proclamation that the state is safe for Taft. This assurance is given in conjunction with an announcement that all differences between the Republicans have been settled and are ready to work in harmony. The Foraker and Taft interests have amalgamated for the good of the party and are now working in the most harmonious manner.

REAR ADMIRAL CASPAR F. GOODRICH.

WASHINGTON, August 19.
The retirement of Rear Admiral Evans makes Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich the ranking officer of the United States Navy.
Rear Admiral Goodrich has only a few more months to serve as he, too, retires for age on January 7, 1909.

THE LUSITANIA'S NEW RECORD.

NEW YORK, August 21.
The Lusitania pulled into New York harbor to-day four days and fifteen hours from Liverpool. The big liner clipped five hours from her own previous record and set a pace for all other ships to follow. The fastest time hitherto has been four days nineteen and a fraction hours.

INDEPENDENCE IN 20 YEARS HE SAYS.

WASHINGTON, August 20.
In an interview President Roosevelt declared that it is probable that the Filipino people may be given their independence after twenty years but not before.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

(FROM THE "HONG KONG NEWS.")

TOKYO, August 20.
Atropos of the suggested alliance between China and America, the Kowloon Shambles questions what benefit America would secure by concluding such an alliance.
Does America find it advisable, asks this paper, to depart from the concert of the Powers for the maintenance of the open door and of equal opportunities in the Far East? And does China believe that she will be able to exclude other Powers by allying herself with America alone?
The Nishi Nishi Shimbun is further unable to understand the reports of ill-feeling in America towards Japan, since there is not even the slightest trace of such feeling in Japan towards America.

KOREA.

THE NATIVE EDITOR CARES.

TOKYO, August 12.
Mr. Yang Ku-tak, the native editor of the "Korea Daily News" has been handed over to the Japanese police. He will be sent into hospital for the present.

A PIRATE ATTACK.

Three hundred waters fired upon the steaming guest ship Hokoku Maru which had stranded on Hwangsho Island. The Hokoku Maru, taking advantage of a full tide, was successfully floated and reached Chemulpo.

FROM THE "SHANGHAI MERCURY."

THE FAKUMEN RAILWAY.

LONDON, 20th August.
The Provincial Press continues to comment adversely on the Japanese attitude on the Haimintun-Fakumen Railway question. The "Manchester Guardian," an influential daily published at Ipswich, points out that Japan has previously displayed a tyrannous disposition towards China, but that British interests are now concerned. The plan that the Haimintun-Fakumen line would interfere with the South Manchurian Railway, was a mere subterfuge, and was so regarded everywhere. Other countries would begin to realize that Japan was seeking to lord it over China very high-handedly. The Chinese themselves were beginning to appeal to America with the view of obtaining American sympathy, while the idea of an American-Chinese alliance against Japan was in the air. The Japanese will probably find it inadvisable to make bad friends all round, as they are doing now.

LONDON, August 19.

The Westminister Gazette, commenting on the Japanese allegation that the proposed Haimintun-Fakumen line would compete with the South Manchurian Railway, ridicules the idea as far-fetched, and forebodes to call the Japanese attitude obstructive. It is quite true that the Fakumen-Haimintun line would for about fifty miles run parallel with the South Manchurian Railway but at the same time it would open a district hitherto undeveloped by any railway. The Japanese can only mean that they regard the traffic of this district as belonging by right to the South Manchurian line. When they say the end would be attainable by the construction of a line from Fakumen to Tieling, they mean, as the map shows, that the traffic would be taken round three sides of a square, via Mukden to Tieling, a distance of 110 miles, instead of going direct to Fakumen, a distance of only fifty miles. It cannot be in the interests of the country that any railway monopoly should be maintained which inflicts this inconvenience. The Japanese principle is unfair to the Chinese, who would find the line from Peking out short at Haimintun, whereas it ought and must eventually be prolonged to its natural junction at Kailash or other point to the north. A merely monopolistic policy will defeat its own purpose and cause friction and trouble with a great many people sincerely desiring to live in friendship with the Japanese.

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CHINA TRADE REPORTS.

The following notes are extracted from the Trade Returns for 1907, just to hand from the I.C.M.C.

SANTIAO.

The summer and autumn rice harvests were well above the average, and they were followed by a sweet potato crop of unusual excellence. The tea season seems to have been a fairly profitable one for growers and middlemen alike.

By courtesy of the Imperial Chinese Telegraphs authorities at Foochow, this office is now supplied regularly with all weather warnings of importance issued by the observatories of Sikawei, Hongkong, and Manila.

FOOCHOW.

The net total value of the trade of this port shows an increase of 21 million taels. This increase value is chiefly derived from the large importation of foreign flour—a duty-free article—and the higher values current for tea during the year. More tea was exported during the latter half of the year than has been usual of late, and the export duty consequently increased under this head.

A good deal of energy has been shown by the officials and anti-opium associations established in Foochow and the neighbourhood to reduce the consumption of opium, and it is believed they have had some success with the younger men; persons who have for some time indulged in the habit find considerable difficulty in breaking it off, but with determination this can always be effected. During the year foreign opium declined by 168 piculs and native opium by 372 piculs.

AMOY.

Hopo for the future, lies in certain enterprises which were initiated during the year. The most important of these is the Chang-Hsia (Amoy-Changchow) branch of the Futien Railway, which is now under construction. The subscribed capital for this line and the extension from Changchow to Chinchow, which it is hoped to build later, is \$3,000,000 in \$5 shares, on which a call of \$1 a share has already been paid.

The other venture is the proposed exploitation of mineral deposits in the Anki district (locally, Ankiho) by a Chinese syndicate. The syndicate, the Ankiho undertaking is \$2,000,000, and authority has been given by the Board of Works to begin work. It was found that the concession contained coal and iron in great abundance as well as lead and limestone. The venture looks promising enough, and it is said that a foreign engineer has been engaged to take charge of the mining operations. An American mining engineer is reported to have examined the district, and discovered a mountain of magnetite ore is a mile long and three-fourths of a mile wide, which is estimated to contain over 10,000,000 tons. Limestone, galena, kaolin, and nine kinds of deposits are also reported, and samples of rich antimony ore and graphite have been brought in to the port.

SWATOW.

The chief causes which have contributed to exercise a material and unhappily depressing influence on the trade of the port are: (a) a local rising in the adjoining district, only some 40 miles away; (b) the serious failure of the spring rice crops; (c) the great advance in the rate of coal exchange; and (d) the forced clearance of old stocks of sugar at ruinous rates.

CANTON.

Silk, as far as production is concerned, reached a record figure and exhibited, owing to late rains, the unusual feature of a heavy crop. The total collection—H.K. Tls. 3,231,726—exceed that of the previous year by H.K. Tls. 59,335, and constitutes the best on record. Import and export duties have largely increased, but consignment has fallen off by H.K. Tls. 35,000, while transit duties show a decrease of some H.K. Tls. 31,000.

KOWLOON.

The net value of the junk trade under the cognizance of the Kowloon stations for the year under review amounted to H.K. Tls. 54,381,058, a substantial advance of 124 million taels, or 30 per cent., over the figure for 1906. Imports, exports, and inter-China trade shared in this advance. In view of the multiplicity of adverse circumstances—indolence of weather, tightness of money market, exchange fluctuations, reduction of opium smoking, curbed in the South and East, but not in the West, the transfer of the carrying trade from junk to foreign lighters of certain staple commodities the statistics for the past 12 months show a distinct, and in the circumstances, satisfactory, improvement both in the volume and value of the trade. Deducting about 10 per cent. from the total value of the trade obtained from increased valuation, there still remains a substantial increase of 50 per cent. to record. Notwithstanding the improvement noticeable in the trade under our control, it is regrettable to have to record, that with the exception of flour and foreign rice, the trade for a whole period under review, taken as a whole, proved unsatisfactory.

With the advent of the Kowloon-Canton Railway other goods may disappear from our returns, but junks will continue to be available, for places below Canton, not served by the railway or steamers. A more correct idea of the trade in the delta would be conveyed by considering the Kowloon and Canton returns together, as about 30 per cent. of the imports pass by the Kowloon stations, and the remainder by the River, and out of this 78 per cent. are destined for Canton. The year 1907 may be described as one of great depression in trade; even more pronounced than the preceding year, which may be mainly attributed to lack of demand from the consuming districts. On the whole the year closes with brighter prospects for the future.

The total revenue collection for the year 1907 amounted to H.K. Tls. 393,775. These figures rank second on record since the opening of the new stations in 1899. The increase over the previous year's figure is H.K. Tls. 16,145. All headings show an advance, with the exception of Chinchee, which decreased by H.K. Tls. 6,225. This decline is mainly attributable to two items, kerosene oil and coal, which are now the most part carried by foreign-dugger, lighters trading under treaty regulations, and thus pay duties at the treaty port of destination. Opium advanced by H.K. Tls. 2,549, notwithstanding the restrictions imposed on opium smoking by the Chinese authorities in June. The advance in general cargo duty is derived from increased importation of cattle-fish, flour, yam flour, ground-nuts, and exportation of fresh eggs, land, nutmeg, and pigs.

Foreign goods entered China from Hongkong to the Kowloon stations during the year 1907 to the value of H.K. Tls. 29,820,314, an enhancement of about 84 million taels over the preceding year's figures. Cotton goods, with two exceptions in shirtings, show substantial advances, more especially cotton thread. American kerosene oil has increased by 21,456 gallons, while Sumatra oil decreased by 216,555 gallons (about 45 per cent.) and Russian oil by 310,305 gallons (about 35 per cent.). No Burma oil was imported by junk. All the items under metals fell off with the exception of lead in pigs and bars, which advanced about 60 per cent. An exceptionally profitably business is reported to have been done in metals.

AMOY NOTES.

NEW BROOKS.

Whether it is in view of the approaching visit of the American Fleet, or merely the spasmodic activity of new Manchurians, it is hard to say, but Amoy is now the scene of vigorous "improvements." The encroachments of the shopkeepers on the streets are being dealt with, all signs and tables and other obstructions that have blocked out the thoroughfares so long are being ruthlessly swept away. The nondescript coverings that have stretched above the streets from shop to shop have been pulled down to let in the sunlight and air; no itinerant peddlars are to be allowed to block up the pathways. The streets are to be made as wide as it is possible to make them. Mounds of rubbish are being carried away and dumped into the sea.

Also a clean sweep is being made of the Opium shops and the houses of bad fame, only a few days grace being given to the inmates to clear off, and for the owners to close them entirely. This is being done in Chang Chow too, and in other cities inland. Summary justice is being meted out to all offenders of the public peace, with one result: that a crowd of undesirable are leaving Amoy for Kunglung, Chioh Be and other places, where the regime is not so strict. It really looks as if the Authorities want to put the town of Amoy into as clean and satisfactory a condition as they can, though I very much fear when all is done, that there will be plenty of blemishes left. Nothing but a big fire, working as a "variable besom" of destruction, and a complete rebuilding on more generous lines, will ever transform Amoy into a beautiful city, worthy of habitation, or attraction to sightseers.

The Cholera epidemic continues both in Amoy and on Kunglung, as well as in some places inland. We trust it will be but of brief duration, and that the cooler weather now prevailing with more or less of rain will help to drive this dread scourge away from the port. It is affecting trade, as Amoy is now an infected port, especially as regards Singapore and the Straits Settlements. This affects injuriously the large Colic traffic, and the lines of steamers which ply between us and the Straits are once more badly hit by the embargo. We have had very few month steamers in port during the last month or so.

A good deal of excitement has been caused locally by the recent seizure of Ammunition, &c., but it is not easy to get reliable information. Whether the Japanese are implicated in the business is not certain, but they are undoubtedly suspected, and this tells against the cessation of the boycott. It is a great pity that Japan is not more willing to yield a few points and so help to settle the many serious questions which are still outstanding between her and China. Two big nations in such close proximity must necessarily trade with each other to their mutual benefit; so that a continuance of the boycott acts prejudicially to both parties, and the sooner it ceases the better for the peace of the East.

THE THUNDERSTORM.
During the violent electrical storm of last Sunday, one of Butterfield and Swire's steamers, the Luchow, was struck by lightning, and a portion of one of the masts ripped away. It is the general impression of most people that they have seldom experienced so severe a storm, the flashes of lightning were so vivid and so continuous, while the peals of thunder were most prolonged and terrifying.

A certain cure was of a painfully nervous temperament, and in consequence was constantly making awkward remarks intended as compliments—to the bishop and others.
Having distinguished himself in an unusual degree during a gathering of clergy at an afternoon tea, a short while ago, in the bishop's parlour, he was taken to task for his failings by a senior curate, who was one of his companions on the way home.
"Look here," said Bruce, the senior, decidedly, "you are a donkey. Why can't you keep quiet instead of making your silly remarks? I am speaking to you now as a brother."
Lord laughter interrupted him at this point, and for the moment he did not see the joke.

A WELL KNOWN REMEDY.

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SPORTING.

Polo.

WEST KENT CUP.

On Monday afternoon teams representing the Royal Artillery and the Middlesex Regiment met at Canewey Bay, in the first round of the West Kent Cup. There was a considerable attendance. It is to be regretted, however, that a member of the R. A. team was suffering from exposure to the sun and this prevented the match from being finished. The Middlesex team led by five goals to nil at the end of the first chukka. Three goals were scored by Dixon and two by Large.
The teams were:—Middlesex Regiment.
—Captain Cunningham, Lieut. Large, Lieut. Dixon and Lieut. Webb-Bowen.
R. A.—Lieut. Guise, Capt. Moultrie, Lieut. Thickness and Capt. Finch.
The Middlesex team and the Civilian are opponents in the final to-morrow afternoon.

A TOURING BASEBALL TEAM.

Mr. J. Lawrence Woods, Manager of the Reach All American Baseball Club, is now in Hongkong arranging for his team to play a tour match and a team ball game some time about December 18. The team will tour the Orient, playing at Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Manila, Hongkong and Shanghai. It is a great aggregation of talent we understand.

A SHOOTING RECORD.

The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Hsley, writing on July 17th, describes a marvellous string of bull-eyes with the match rifle, made at 900 yards by one of the Irish Echo Shield team, firing in an individual competition. He says:—I have had to write about record as, but one has been made to-day which seems likely to stand—I had almost said for "all time"—unqualified. In shooting in the "Kandoo," ten shots at 900 yards, match rifles, Mr. Maurice Blood, the famous Irish marksman, put on a full score of ten consecutive bull-eyes. Under the rules relating to the shots and "possibles," Mr. Blood continued firing at the range until he fell away from or missed the bull-eyes. But he was evidently in the pink of form, for before he varied and got off the black he succeeded in hitting on a score of another thirty-one bulls. In all, the marvellous record was made to-day by Mr. Maurice Blood of forty-one consecutive bull-eyes. Such a record has not before been made by a British (or any) marksman.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 25th at 12.30 p.m.—The barometer has fallen over the China coast and Formosa, and risen over Japan and the Loochees.
The typhoon, which is situated to the West of the Loochees and North of Melao Sim, has made but little progress since yesterday. It appears to be moving slowly towards W.S.W. at present.
Bad weather will continue to prevail over the Eastern Sea.
Fresh N.W. to S.W. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.07 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.
FORECAST DISTRICT.
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.W. to W. winds, moderate or fresh squally, thunder showers.
2.—Formosa Channel: N.W. to W. winds, fresh or strong.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA.

MESSRS Williamson & Co., Juniors, Queensland, writes: "Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, enjoys a great reputation in these parts. It is used as a remedy for all kinds of colic, and there is scarcely a home without a bottle." For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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AMONG THE NEW BOOKS.

The Hibbert Journal, a Quarterly Review of Religion, Theology, and Philosophy. WILLIAMS and NORDGATE, London.

The current issue is something of a "Summer Number" in that it comprises an unusually large variety of comparatively minor articles, without any outstanding contribution which would at once arrest the attention. But the names of Professor W. James, Dr. Nasson, Professor Patrie, and Sir Edward Russell are in the list and these assure palubum of good substance. Professor James pursues his argument concerning Religion on its philosophical side and makes at least one startling proposal which would shift the very foundation of belief to another level. Whether this is higher or lower, better or worse, remains to be seen and argued. Sir Edward Russell, with his usual suave, English gently presses home the practical side of certain Socialistic appeals and shows them inapplicable. But he goes on to make positive suggestions which might obviously be acted upon at once to the mutual benefit of all concerned.
"The Religion of the Sensible American" will attract many by its clearness and naivete, whether they are prepared to follow in his steps or not. President D. Jordan has made excellent use of his materials. Monsieur Gerard would persuade us that "Civilisation is in Danger" because of the decay of the Aristocratic Element in Society. Bread-and-butter Sciences and the deadly level of the average, he believes, tend to the decay of culture and the arrest of the onward march of Civilisation. The School Difficulty, the Relation between the Religionist and the Scientist, the Basis of Morality, the Constraint which Society should impose upon its members are all readable and enlightening numbers. While those who enjoy diving into the Relations between "The Church of Scotland and its Formula," also "Language and Religion," will find water of sufficient depth provided. There are the usual pages devoted to Discussions, Reviews, and Bibliography.

HAPPENINGS IN THE HARBOUR.

The s.s. Prinz Regent Luitpold berthed this morning at No. 3 wharf, Kowloon.
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The German mail Prinz Eitel Friedrich, due to-morrow morning, will berth on arrival.

The German steamer Matilda Korner was towed out of dry dock at noon to-day.

The steamship Rubi, now in harbour, is having an all-round scraping, preparatory to receiving a new coat of paint and minor repairs.

In consequence of being partly destroyed by white ants, twenty-four bags of very old documents, which have been accumulating at a local bank, were taken across the harbour this morning to be destroyed by fire.

The German Mail steamer Prinz Regent Luitpold arrived in port this morning after a sharp run down from the north and made fast to the Kowloon wharf at eight o'clock. On arrival at Bremerhaven, the vessel will lay by one trip, and during her stay of ten weeks will have a complete overhauling. She will resume her run to China and Japan ports again in December, leaving Bremer haven on the 15th.

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